



## *Siksika Nation Tribal Administration* **SIKSIKA LAND MANAGEMENT**

### **ONGOING SITE CLOSURE ACTIVITIES ON SIKSIKA LANDS**

#### **Siksika Nation is making big strides in environmental stewardship through active site closure and land restoration efforts.**

In collaboration with Siksika Land Management, Siksika Vertex Joint Venture, Ovintiv Canada ULC, and Saturn Oil and Gas Inc., these initiatives include environmental site assessments, audits, and detailed investigations to help ensure the land is cared for and returned to a healthy, sustainable state.

#### **What Have We Achieved? – 2025 Activity Summary**

In 2025, the Siksika Vertex Joint Venture, carried out extensive work across 201 sites on Siksika Nation lands. This included 38 sites associated with Ovintiv Canada ULC and 163 with Saturn Oil and Gas Inc.

Together with Siksika Land Management, our team worked to protect and restore the health of the land. We began with Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessments to identify any potential concerns. Where required, we proceeded with more detailed Phase 2 assessments. For many locations, we advanced to Detailed Site Assessments, an in-depth process that confirms site conditions and ensures the land is safe and ready for restoration.

In addition to these assessments, we completed a significant number of environmental audits. Audits are critical to verifying that oil and gas sites meet environmental standards and lease requirements.

They confirm that the sites were managed responsibly and in a way that protects the land for the future.

#### **Where Are We Going? – 2026 Forecast**

Looking ahead to 2026, this important work will continue. The Siksika Vertex Joint Venture, in ongoing partnership with Siksika Land Management, plans to focus efforts on over 169 sites. Our efforts in 2026 will focus on restoring the land and monitoring sites that were reclaimed in 2024 and 2025 to ensure healthy and sustainable new growth. In addition, we anticipate applying for 35 reclamation certificates in 2026 to formally close these sites and return the land to Siksika Nation.



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### Helping the Land Recover: What Is Site Closure?

Site closure is all about helping the land return to as natural a state as possible. Here's what that work looks like, step by step:

**1. Checking for Disturbance** (Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA))

**2. Digging Deeper if Required** (Phase 2 ESA)

**3. Cleaning Up the Land** (If required, remediation including submitting a Remediation Action Plan to Siksika Nation and Indian Oil and Gas Canada (IOGC) and annual reporting)

**4. Bringing the Land Back** (Reclamation)

**5. Caring for New Growth** (Vegetation Management and Monitoring)

**6. Documenting Land Condition** (detailed site assessment and reclamation application)

**7. Reclamation and Approval of Land Use Change or Facilities to be Left in Place by Siksika Nation** (Siksika Nation, Company, and IOGC confirm requirements)

- By default, lands are required to be returned to pre-site conditions unless otherwise authorized by BCR from the Nation.
- One of the top reasons why Reclamation Applications are rejected and joint First Nation-company-IOGC reclamation inspections fail is because there are facilities left in place or a change in land use without proper First Nation approval or documentation.

**8. Returning the Land** (If all environmental and contractual requirements are met, the land is returned)

**If you'd like to learn more about our site closure activities or the role of Siksika Land Management, please don't hesitate to reach out.**